

God's Plan for People, Pt. 4

GEN. 3; ROM. 7, 9; HEB. 2

Gen. 3:7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" (ESV)

God did not call out so that He could know where Adam was; He called out so that **A**_____ would realize where Adam was and that he was separated from God.

He did not ask Adam how he knew that he was naked because He did not know himself. He was looking for Adam to **c**_____ his sin and to repent of it.

There were at least two things that God had in mind here:

1. He had a **p**_____ to fulfill
2. He had a case to **p**_____

Rom. 5:13 ...sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.

Romans 7:7 ...if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." 8 But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. 9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. 10 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. 11 For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. 13 Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. (ESV)

Prov. 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. (ESV)

Ezekiel 18:25 Yet you (Israel) say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? (ESV)

Ezekiel 18:29 Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is not just." O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? God responds to such an accusation by saying, "O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?" (ESV)

Romans 9:14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

19 You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" 20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honored use and another for dishonorable use?

22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory – 24 even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? (ESV)

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God wanted Adam to understand that there cannot be two **w**_____ in the Universe.

In the Garden, God wanted Adam to know that, even though he had free will, that will was not his to do with as he pleased, but that man's will must always **c**_____ to the will of God.

Matt. 6:9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (ESV)

Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The entire process of sanctification is the transformation of man's mind to conform to the image of Christ so that we will know the **w**_____ of God.

Romans 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Eternal life begin on the day that man enters eternity, but on the day the **e**_____ enters into man.

John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. Just listen to what the Bible says of the will of God:

Deut. 32:4 The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

Psalms 145:17 The LORD is righteous in all His ways, gracious in all His works.

Heb. 2:6 It has been testified somewhere (Psalm 8), "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? 7 You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, 2:8 putting

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everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. (ESV)

Heb. 2:9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. 10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. (ESV)

1 Cor. 15:54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." (NKJV)

When left to his own devices and desires, man, by the expression of his own free will, will **a**_____ choose unrighteousness and along with it death and separation from God.

Election is the perfect demonstration of **g**_____ and mercy because by the expression of God's will in the life of the elect, they are not left to die by dependence on their own free wills.

James 1:18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

2 Thess. 2:13 we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, 14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.